

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

The following listing of the claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application.

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently Amended) The wall plate of claim † 11, wherein the wall plate is fabricated from an insulating material.
3. (Currently Amended) The wall plate of claim † 11, wherein the first surface includes a planar portion.
4. (Original) The wall plate of claim 3, wherein the first surface includes a tapered portion.
5. (Currently Amended) The wall plate of claim † 11, wherein the wall plate defines first opening is a rectangular-shaped opening extending from the first surface to the second surface.
6. (Currently Amended) The wall plate of claim † 11, wherein the wall plate defines a plurality of first rectangular-shaped openings extending from the first surface to the second surface.

7. (Currently Amended) The wall plate of claim 6, wherein the wall plate defines four ~~first rectangular-shaped~~ openings extending from the first surface to the second surface.

8. (Currently Amended) The wall plate of claim ~~1~~ 11, wherein the ~~wall plate defines~~ ~~second opening is a circular-shaped opening extending from the first surface to the second surface.~~

9. (Currently Amended) The wall plate of claim ~~1~~ 11, wherein the wall plate defines a plurality of ~~second circular-shaped~~ openings extending from the first surface to the second surface.

10. (Currently Amended) The wall plate of claim 9, wherein the wall plate ~~includes~~ ~~defines~~ four ~~second circular-shaped~~ openings extending from the first surface to the second surface.

11. (Currently Amended) A USB wall plate, comprising:
a first surface;
a second surface opposite the first surface;
four side edges connected to the first and second surfaces; and
a printed circuit board having a Universal Serial Bus (USB) hub circuit connected thereto,
wherein the printed circuit board is connected to the second surface.

12. (Original) The wall plate of claim 11, wherein the USB hub circuit includes a plurality of USB connectors.

13. (Original) The wall plate of claim 12, wherein the USB hub circuit includes an upstream USB connector and four downstream USB connectors.

14. (Original) The wall plate of claim 13, wherein each of the four downstream USB connectors extend through openings defined by the wall plate.

15. (Original) The wall plate of claim 11, wherein the USB hub circuit includes a plurality of indicating lights.

16. (Original) The wall plate of claim 15, wherein the USB hub circuit includes four indicating lights.

17. (Original) The wall plate of claim 16, wherein each of the four indicating lights extend through openings defined by the wall plate.

18. (Original) The wall plate of claim 11, wherein the USB hub circuit includes:
a downstream USB connector that extends through a first opening defined by the wall plate;
and
an indicating light associated with the downstream USB connector, wherein the indicating light extends through a second opening defined by the wall plate.

19. (Original) The wall plate of claim 18, wherein the USB hub circuit includes a plurality of downstream USB connectors and a plurality of associated indicating lights.

20. (Original) The wall plate of claim 11, wherein the USB hub circuit includes a power supply.
21. (Original) The wall plate of claim 20, wherein the power supply includes a transformer.
22. (Currently Amended) A wall plate, comprising:
- a first surface;
 - a second surface opposite the first surface;
 - four side edges connected to the first and second surfaces; and
 - means for transmitting and receiving a Universal Serial Bus (USB) signal, wherein the means for transmitting and receiving the USB signal is connected to the second surface.